THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 7th November 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half-past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Disturbance in an anti-cow slaughter meeting.

* 96-A Q.—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether a clash took place at Payyoli in Malabar district between the members of the R.S.S. group and others on account of the wilful slaughter of a bull at the place where an anti-cow slaughter meeting was being held, resulting in death and injuries to many; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to restore peace and security in the locality?

Communal disturbances at Payyoli.

* 96-B Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether he is aware of any communal riot having taken place at Payyoli, North Malabar on 31st October 1952 and, if so, whether he can give the details of occurrence?

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are two short notice questions Nos. 96-A and 96-B, one is given notice of by Sri N. Gopala Menon and the other by Sri M. Narayana Kurup. The Hon. Chief Minister wishes to make a statement on them."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, in answer to Sri N. Gopala Menon's question No. 96-A which will also cover Sri Narayana Kurup's question No. 96-B, I wish to make a brief statement to-day before we disperse.

" On the 26th of October at Payyoli in North Malabar, a local branch of the R.S.S. organized a meeting in connexion with cow slaughter. The meeting was a small one of about 50 persons. While this anti-cow slaughter meeting was going on, a local Muslim butcher is stated to have brought out an ox and slaughtered it in public within a few yards of the meeting. It is also alleged that there was some further provocation in addition to the public slaughter of the ox. The meeting was terminated without any serious incidents. But, on the next day, the organizer of the meeting was waylaid by about seven Muslims and he received serious